



HAWK HEADLINER

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: TWAS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Twas the season for giving
And all through the school
The children and families
Would follow that rule.

From classroom to classroom
From house to house
In came the canned goods
And even stuffed mouse

Potatoes and Turkeys
Stuffing so good
Toy cars and small trinkets
Made out of wood

In all, on Thanksgiving
10 families were fed
With gifts of great giving
Our children had led

But did they stop there?
Oh they were not done
They brought in more yummys
For those who had none

Pound after pound of
Good things to eat
For Unity home
It was quite a feat

And then they brought toys
To the stuffed bear parade
Gift upon gift
Santa's small elves had made

They laid them so gently
For Santa to share
Who came there himself
With Clifford and Bear

He gathered the toys
In his bright red cloth sack
He smiled and he laughed
With each toy he packed

And I heard him exclaim
As he carried them out
Friendly Hills is the best
Of this there's no doubt.



Thank you to all for
your generous giving
over this past holiday
season.

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Dates of interest:

- 1/6 Back to School
- 1/14 Parent Group @ 6:30
- 1/16 SBMC @ 3:45
- 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/30 Quarterly Awards Assemblies



Snow Days?

At this time of year, we like to remind you that there is always a possibility that school may be canceled if the buses are not able to drive safely on our roads. This hasn't happened in several years, but is possible due to excessive flooding or snow. The decision is made by our superintendent early in the morning. Then the local radio stations are called. If you suspect that school may be canceled because of weather, please listen to your favorite radio station or call the school after 8:00 a.m. If a district-wide school day is canceled, it will be rescheduled either during Spring Break or in June.



The weather outside is frightful, so please be sure your children wear sweaters, jackets, hats and gloves. Also be sure that you put your child's name inside each belonging.

Student Council (STUCO)

Our Student Council (STUCO) has been busy throughout the school. We've enjoyed some silly "Wacky Wednesdays". Watch for some more of these school spirit days coming up in the future. Also, we recently had our Student Council elections.

Congratulations to our newly elected council members:

Ryan Fleischman – President

Peter Gorwin – Vice President

Brittany Bostic – Secretary

Mauricio Montejano – Treasurer

STUCO would like to thank everyone for the tremendous response with the Unity Home holiday donation drive. There was a generous outpouring of giving by Friendly Hills students and families. Over 700 pounds of canned goods, non-perishables, toiletries, toys and clothes were collected. Our stuffed animal parade on December 13, had children and adults donating stuffed animals and new toys for our local needy families. Thank you to everyone for their generous spirit of giving. We were able to bring a lot of joy to the faces of little boys and girls.



One Hundred Mile Club...

They just keep running.... who? Those in the 100-mile club, that's who. They run before school, during recess and whenever they can get their feet to moving. Book after book is getting filled up with stamps as they round the track in this healthy activity. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" as it fills up in the cafeteria. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the school year.

Did you know that last year's longest distant trophy winner ran a total of 120 miles and the all time record runner at FHES ran 403 miles? WOW! That's a lot of books to fill and some awesome records to break, so keep on running everyone!

Our children are like mirrors -
They reflect our
attitudes in life.

Please call in all
absences when your
child will not
be at school.

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The parent group sponsored fundraiser, See's candy sales, has now come to a close. This is our most successful fundraiser of the year, raising over \$5,000 once everyone turns in their envelopes. The monies earned enables us to send every class on at least one field trip and also helps teachers obtain needed materials for projects in the classroom. Congratulations to our top sellers who won \$150, \$100 and \$50 for first, second and third place.

First Place:	Joseph Colegio	41 boxes
Second Place:	Sean Martel	28 boxes
Third Place:	Ryan Giffin	10 boxes

Please be sure that you've turned in all monies collected. There is still about \$1000 not yet turned in and we need those dollars for our field trip funds.

The Winter Book Fair brought us wonderful books to select from for the holiday season. A good profit was netted from this fundraiser, along with terrific books put into the hands of children.

Has Your Nest Changed?

Several families made changes over the holidays. If you moved, changed your phone number, emergency numbers or child's mode of transportation to or from school, please notify the office. We keep close track of this information in the office. We will always insist on the regular mode of transportation unless we have notification from the parent. We often have students tell us they are supposed to go home with a friend and we can't allow this, unless we have heard from you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter as this is really for your child's safety and protection.

The best inheritance a parent can give to his children is a few minutes of his time each day.

As we make the turn into the second half of the year, watch for ways that you can get involved in this invaluable group. Friendly Hills Elementary Association (FHEA) meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please join us as we meet together to benefit our children. Our next meeting is January 14th.



Our gift to the World...

Writings from Mrs. Whackell's 1/2 Gombo Glass, Room 5

If I could give the world a gift....

I would give them all a ready decorated Christmas tree and a gingerbread man. I would also give them a snowman.

by Sarah Byrne (Gr. 1)

If I could give the world a gift...

it would be a gift they like. I'll give them books to read. Books sometimes can teach you things that you didn't know.



by Sarah Blevins (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would give the world a robot dog. I don't think the world will like the present, so I'll try that present.

by Gage Brennan (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would give the world a new home because it needs a new home. If it moved I would be happy and the world would be happy too.

by Caleb Norman (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

it would be to keep it clean because it is dirty.

by Sierra Meakin (Gr. 1)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would give them a flag, a map, a park and some food.

by Hope Brown (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would. If there were poor people, I would give them my money.

by Ohkwari Tatu (Gr. 1)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would give the world Christmas. I like the world. It is good for us and God made the world.

by Jordan Chartier (Gr. 1)

I would give it a pot of gold for the people who are starving.

by Kalia Brown (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

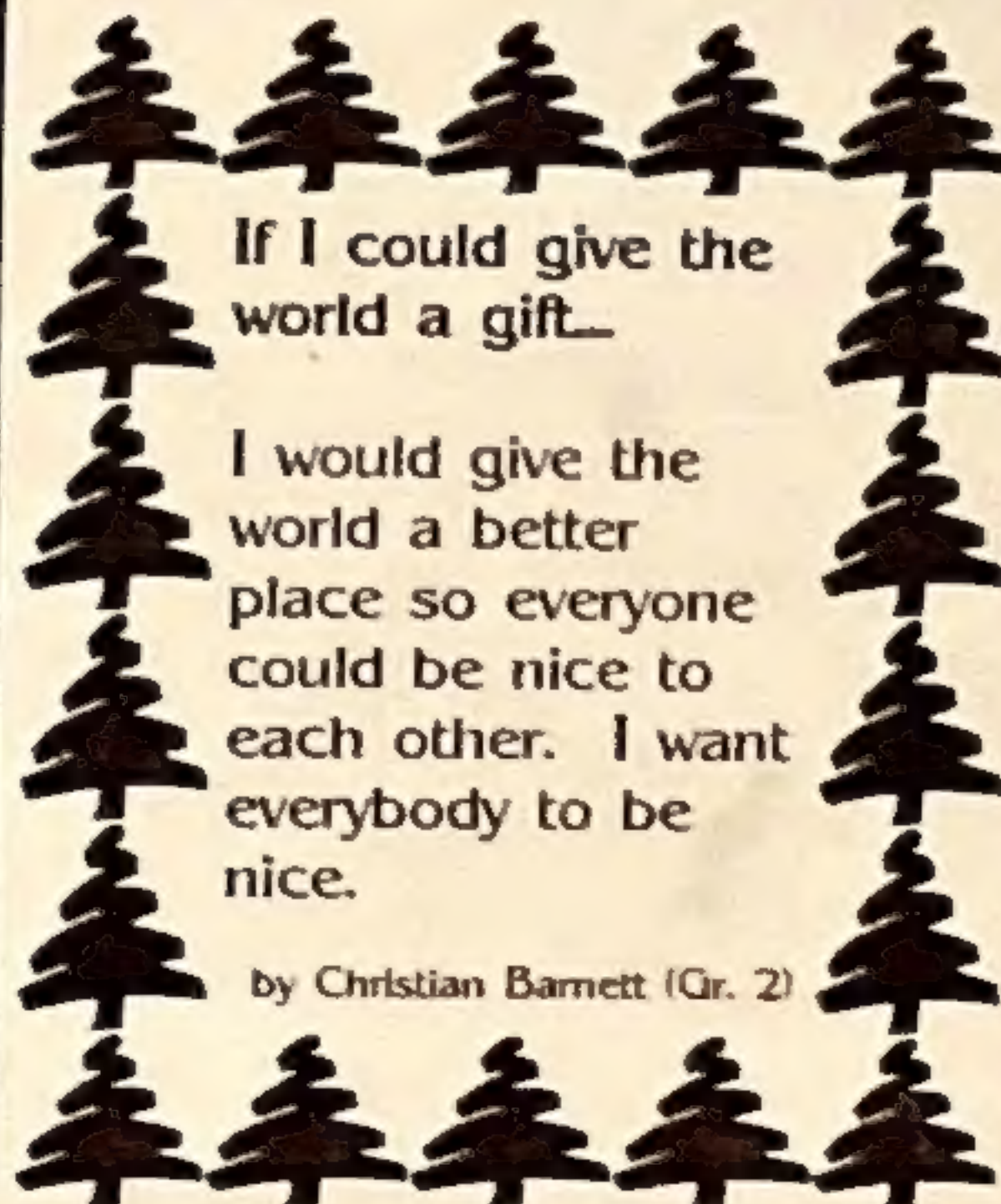
I would give the world a better place so everyone could be nice to each other. I want everybody to be nice.

by Christian Barnett (Gr. 2)

If I could give the world a gift...

I would clean all the trash and say "Ho, Ho, Ho" and give it a present with purple wrapping.

by Katie Weedman (Gr. 1)



First Grade Journal Writing from Mr. And Mrs. Hesse's 1st Grade

Paddington's Parade by Peyton Orten



Today was Paddington's Parade. Everyone got to bring a stuffed animal to march with. I saw a snowman, Rudolph, Clifford and Sparky. I saw Santa Claus and his elves gave me a candy cane. One of the elves was Kaitlyn. It was a lot of fun.



Hanukkah by Aya Patyk



We played with a dreidle. We ate latkes. Rebecca, Timmy and me played with the dreidle. We ate the Hanukkah candies. Hanukkah is fun.



My Gift by Ashley Reilly

I have a present for my mommy. What are you going to get her? I'm going to get my mommy a present. It is kisses under the mistletoe. Me and my dog kiss her!

Black Out by Amanda Reilly

My lights went off but we lit candles. My dad put on a fire. It was dark. Then the power turned on. We had to blow out the candles. Black outs are exciting.



My Gift...by Parker Howard

I have a present for my mom. It is flowers. I am going to be a present. I love my mom a lot. Me and my sister love my mom



Christmas by Timmy Hesse



Christmas is about baby Jesus. Baby Jesus came from heaven. Angels sang about Jesus. The wisemen brought gifts to baby Jesus. Christmas is about the glory of God.



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

We all have new e-mail address that are easier to remember. Instead of that long ending, we are now at morongousd.com

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This

***Triumph
is just
"umph"
added to
try.***

committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

During this past month the committee looked at finances for the remainder of the year. So far this year, things have been a bit more expensive. We are running somewhat

over on our finances. Because of this, the committee delayed for a month any decisions on expenditures. With large budget cuts looming for schools, we are trying to be extra careful.

We're always looking for interested parents to serve on this vital committee. If interested, please contact Mr. Blanding. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 16 at 3:45 pm.



FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY
Events Calendar, 2002-2003
(REVISED 12/11/2002)

First Day of School ✓	Wednesday, August 28, 2002
"Back to School Night" ✓	Thursday, September 19, 2002 (7-8 p.m.)
Wildlife Assembly ✓	Tuesday, October 29, 2002
Family Reading Night ✓	Thursday, December 5, 2002 (7-8 p.m.)
Pioneer Living Experience ✓	Wednesday, December 11, 2002
Paddington's Parade ✓	Friday, December 13, 2002 (10 a.m.)
Science Assembly / Planetarium ✓	Friday, February 14, 2003
Friendly Hills Science Fair ✓	Thursday, March 6, 2003 (6-7 p.m.)
Morongo Unified Science Fair ✓	Thursday, March 13, 2003 (time/location TBA)
Family Math Night ✓	Thursday, March 27, 2003 (7-8 p.m.)
McDonald's Night ✓	Thursday, April 3, 2003
Heart Association Assembly ✓	Tuesday, April 22, 2003
SAT-9/STAR Testing ✓	April 24 – May 9, 2003
Jump for Heart/Hoops for Heart ✓	Tuesday-Wednesday, May 13-14, 2003
Writing Celebration ✓	Thursday, May 15, 2003 (7-8 p.m.)
Sixth Grade Science Camp ✓	Monday-Friday, May 19-23, 2003
Friendly Hills Band Concert ✓	Friday, May 30, 2003
Staff vs 6 th Grade Basketball ✓	Friday June 6, 2003 (10 a.m.)
➤ Eighth Grade Promotion ✓	Tuesday, June 10, 2003 (5 p.m.)
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 12, 2003
➤ ✓ Kindergarten Promotion @ 11:45 a.m.	
➤ ✓ Sixth Grade Promotion @ 1:30 p.m.	

AWARDS ASSEMBLIES:

- Grades AM-K 3-4 @ 9:40,
- Grades 5-6 @ 10:15,
- Grades PM-K, 1-2 @ 2:30

Thursday, September 26, 2002	(Monthly)
Wednesday, October 30, 2002	(Monthly)
Tuesday, November 26, 2002	(Quarterly)
No Awards Assemblies in December	
Tuesday, January 30, 2003	(Quarterly)
Monday, February 24, 2003	(Monthly)
Thursday, March 27, 2003	(Monthly)
Tuesday, April 29, 2003	(Quarterly)
Wednesday, June 4, 2003	(Monthly/End of Year/Sports)

Teacher/Parent Conference Days (No School for Students)

Friday, November 15, 2002
Monday, March 10, 2003

Staff Development Days (No School for Students)

Monday, October 14, 2002
Monday, April 7, 2003

January, 2003

